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Vicomte de Ghellinck, Chief of Protocol of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, gave this officer the following information concerning the Prince Royal's household:

The positions which have already been filled (Embassy despatch No. 221 of September 5, 1950) are either honorary or administrative.

The more important positions of secretary, private secretary, chef du cabinet have not yet been officially filled.

However, the acting chef du cabinet is M. de le Court, a judge in the Fourth Chamber (Civil Affairs) in the Court of Appeals at Brussels (corresponds to U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals). He has not been previously connected with the Royal Family. He will probably be named chef du cabinet officially when the cabinet has been chosen. There appears to be no hurry about this.

Another group in the Prince's household are the military members. They are rotated every month or so and are not considered very important.

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